GOVERNMENT OF ANDHRA PRADESH
ABSTRACT

Public Services – Social Welfare Department – Vigilance Report No.54 - Surprise inspections on certain PG Colleges by the V&E officials on non performing / unviable PG courses offered in Pvt. Professional Higher Educational Institutions in AP - Certain irregularities/violations noticed – Departmental Proceedings initiated against Sri P.J.S.N.Patnaik, the then Deputy Director, Social Welfare, Srikakulam District (FAC), (Now Retd.) under Rule 20 of the APCS (CC&A) Rules, 1991, r/w Rule-9(6) (a) of APRP Rules, 1980 – Article of Charge – Issued.

SOCIAL WELFARE (VIGILANCE) DEPARTMENT

G.O.Rt.No.154 **Dated:16.06.2025**
Read the following:

1. From the DG, (V&E), Vijayawada Vigilance Report No.54 (C.No.5531/V&E /Sec-II/D2/2020), Dt.23.12.2021.
2. G.O.Ms.No.12, Social Welfare (Vig.) Department, dt.16.06.2025.

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O R D E R:

In pursuance of the sanction accorded by the Government in the reference read above, under Sub-Clause (i) of clause (b) of sub-rule (2) of Rule 9 of the APRP Rules, 1980 for initiating departmental proceedings against Sri P.J.S.N.Patnaik, the then Deputy Director, Social Welfare, Srikakulam District (FAC), (Now Retd.) in accordance with the procedure laid down in rule 20 of the APCS (CC&A) Rules, 1991.

2. The substance of the imputations of misconduct or misbehaviour in respect of which the inquiry is proposed to be held is set out in the enclosed statement of Article of Charge (Annexure-I). A statement of imputations of misconduct or misbehaviour in support of each article of charge is enclosed (Annexure-II). A list of documents by which, and a list of witnesses by whom the article of charge is proposed to be sustained are also enclosed (Annexure III and IV).

3. Sri P.J.S.N.Patnaik, the then Deputy Director, Social Welfare, Srikakulam District (FAC), (Now Retd.) is directed to submit a written statement of his defense within 10 days of the receipt of this order.

4. Sri P.J.S.N.Patnaik, the then Deputy Director, Social Welfare, Srikakulam District (FAC), (Now Retd.) is informed that an inquiry will be held only in respect of the Article of Charge as is not admitted. He should, therefore, specifically admit or deny each article of charge.

5. Sri P.J.S.N.Patnaik, the then Deputy Director, Social Welfare, Srikakulam District (FAC), (Now Retd.) is further informed that if he does not submit his written statement of defense on or before the date specified in para (3) above, or does not appear in person before the inquiring authority or otherwise fails or refuses to comply with the provisions of Rule-20 of the APCS (CC&A) Rules, 1991 or the orders/directions issued in pursuance of the said rules, the Inquiring Authority may hold the inquiry against him ex-parte.

6. Attention of Sri P.J.S.N.Patnaik, the then Deputy Director, Social Welfare, Srikakulam District (FAC), (Now Retd.) is also invited to Rule 24 of the APCS (Conduct) Rules, 1964, under which no Government servant shall bring or attempt to bring any political or outside influence to bear upon any superior authority to further his interest in respect of matters pertaining to his service under the Government. If any representation is received on his behalf from another person in respect of any matter dealt with these proceedings it will be presumed that Sri P.J.S. N. Patnaik, the then

(P.T.O.)

Deputy Director, Social Welfare, Srikakulam District (FAC), (Now Retd.) is aware of such a representation and that it has been made at his instance and action will be taken against him for violation of rule 24 of the APCS (Conduct) Rules, 1964.

7. The receipt of the order should be acknowledged.

(BY ORDER AND IN THE NAME OF THE GOVERNOR OF ANDHRA PRADESH)

M.M.NAYAK
SECRETARY TO GOVERNMENT

To
Sri P.J.S.N.Patnaik, the then DD (SW)
Srikakulam District (FAC), (Now Retd.)
(**through** the Director of Social Welfare,
Andhra Pradesh, Tadepalli, Guntur District)

Copy to:

The Director of Social Welfare, A.P.
Tadepalli, Guntur District.
(**with a request** to serve the order to the CO
and send the served copy to Government for record)
The Director General, V&E,
Andhra Pradesh, Vijayawada.
SF/SCs

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ANNEXURE-I

STATEMENT OF ARTICLE OF CHARGE FRAMED AGAINST SRI P.J.S.N.PATNAIK, D.O.B.:01.06.1958, THE THEN DEPUTY DIRECTOR, SOCIAL WELFARE, SRIKAKULAM DISTRICT (FAC) (NOW RETD.)

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Article of Charge:

Sri P.J.S.N.Patnaik, the then Deputy Director, Social Welfare, Srikakulam District (FAC), (Now Retd.) has failed to discharge his duties, responsibilities to conduct physical verification of attendance of Post-Matric scholarships, at least 5% random sample against details entered in the Jnanabhumi Portal for sanction and verification before claims under Reimbursement (RTF), as per G.O.Ms.No.45, Social Welfare (Edn.2), Department, dt.09.06.2017.

Thus, the Government Servant Sri P.J.S.N.Patnaik, the then Deputy Director, Social Welfare, Srikakulam District (FAC), (Now Retd.) failed to discharge his duties, exhibited a lack of devotion to duty, failed to maintain integrity, and behaved in a manner unbecoming of a Government Servant and brought down the prestige of the Government and thereby violated/contravened Rules 3 (1) & 3(2) of APCS (Conduct) Rules, 1964.

M.M.NAYAK
SECRETARY TO GOVERNMENT

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ANNEXURE-II

STATEMENT OF IMPUTATIONS OF MISCONDUCT OR MISBEHAVIOUR IN SUPPORT OF ARTICLE OF CHARGE FRAMED AGAINST SRI P.J.S.N.PATNAIK, D.O.B.:01.06.1958, THE THEN DEPUTY DIRECTOR, SOCIAL WELFARE, SRIKAKULAM DISTRICT (FAC), (NOW RETD.)

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The Director General (V&E) & E.O. Prl. Secretary to Government, AP, vide Vigilance report No.54 (C.No.5531/V&E/Sec-II/D2/2020), Dt.23.12.2021 has stated that, the V&E Department has conducted surprise check on various PG Colleges in the entire state on random basis to probe on non performing / unviable PG course offered in Pvt. Profession Higher Educational Institutions in AP and found certain irregularities & procedural lapses in sanctioning , releasing the Post-Matric scholarships claims; and Sri P.J.S.N.Patnaik, the then Deputy Director, Social Welfare, Srikakulam District (FAC), (Now Retd.), has failed to discharge his duties and responsibilities for sanction, release the scholarship claims, generate the bill and to submit the same to the District Treasury via Digital Signature Key, without conducting physical verification of attendance of Post-Matric scholarships at least 5% random sample of documents related to scholarships against details entered in the Jnanabhumi Portal, as per G.O.Ms.No.45, Social Welfare (Edn.2) Department, dated:09.06.2017.

Thus, Sri P.J.S.N.Patnaik, the then Deputy Director, Social Welfare, Srikakulam District (FAC), (Now Retd.), has failed to discharge his duties, not shown devotion to duty and exhibited conduct unbecoming of a Government Servant & thereby contravened Rules, 3 (1) and 3 (2) of APCS (Conduct), 1964. Hence, the charge against the Government Servant is substantiated.

M.M.NAYAK
SECRETARY TO GOVERNMENT

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ANNEXURE-III

LIST OF DOCUMENTS BY WHICH THE ARTICLE OF CHARGE FRAMED AGAINST SRI P.J.S.N.PATNAIK, D.O.B.:01.06.1958, THE THEN DEPUTY DIRECTOR, SOCIAL WELFARE, SRIKAKULAM DISTRICT (FAC), (NOW RETD.) IS PROPOSED TO BE SUSTAINED:

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LIST OF DOCUMENTS:

G.O.Ms.No.45, Social Welfare (Edn.2) Department, dt.09.06.2017.

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SECRETARY TO GOVERNMENT

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ANNEXURE-IV

LIST OF WITNESSES BY WHOM THE ARTICLE OF CHARGE FRAMED AGAINST SRI P.J.S.N.PATNAIK, D.O.B.:01.06.1958, THE THEN DEPUTY DIRECTOR, SOCIAL WELFARE, SRIKAKULAM DISTRICT (FAC), (NOW RETD.) IS PROPOSED TO BE SUSTAINED

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List of Witnesses:

-NIL-

M.M.NAYAK
SECRETARY TO GOVERNMENT

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